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Applicant(s): Mehregany et al. Docket No.: 47799.00003
Application No.: 09/677, 197 Group Art Unit: 3621
Filing Date: October 2, 2000 Examiner: Kambiz Abdi
TITLE: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR ACQUISITION OF RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

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[X] Applicant asserts "small entity" status under 37 C.F.R. §§1.9 and 1.27.

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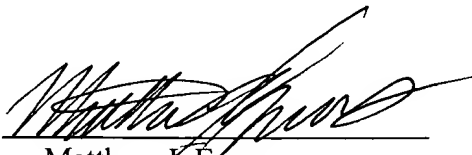
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3621Examiner
Kambiz Abdi

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the examiner.

The fee for this Notice of Appeal is (37 CFR 41.20(b)(1))

\$ 500.00☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee shown above is reduced by half, and the resulting fee is:\$ 250.00☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.☐ The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-3878. I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.☒ A petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) (PTO/SB/22) is enclosed.**WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.**

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